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Invention: **STI STRESS MODIFICATION BY NITROGEN PLASMA TREATMENT FOR IMPROVING PERFORMANCE IN SMALL WIDTH DEVICES**

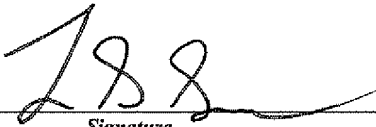
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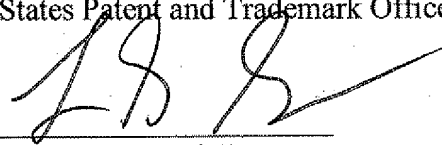
In response to the Final Office Action dated August 9, 2006 and in conjunction with the concurrent filing of a Request for Continued Examination, Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments and remarks be entered into the record of the above-identified patent application.

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